Historic Vessels of Hyde Street Pier

yde Street Pier was built in 1922 for automobile ferries between San Francisco and Sausalito. The ferry route was part of U.S. 101 until the Golden Gate Bridge opened in 1937.

Today the pier and a number of the historic vessels moored here are open to visitors. Five vessels—Alma, Balclutha, Eureka, Hercules, and C.A. Thayer—are designated National Historic Landmarks. The pier also has a variety of maritime structures and exhibits. Welcome aboard!

Alma The last San Francisco Bay scow schooner still afloat, Alma is the park's sailing ambassador, welcomed by port cities around the bay. Flat-bottomed scows like this carried bulk cargoes—hay, grain, and fertilizer-between Delta farm communities and San Francisco.

Balclutha Walk up this ship's gangway and back into the 1800s. This square-rigger was built in Scotland to haul California wheat to Europe. Crew lived on board for months at a time during the treach-

erous voyage around Cape Horn. Compare the sailors' bunks in the forecastle to the Captain's quarters aft. Like the rest of the park's fleet. Balclutha survived because it kept working after other vessels of its class were scuttled.

C.A. Thayer This schooner is representative of hundreds that sailed the Pacific Coast, In Puget Sound ports eight-man crews piled the deck high with Douglas fir, the raw material for California's cities in the early 1900s. Thaver later carried small

boats and fishing crews to Alaska for salmon and cod.

Eppleton Hall This sturdy little tugboat from England crossed the Atlantic under its own power in 1969. "Eppie" recalls the earliest days of steam navigation on the bay.

Eureka Originally built to ferry trains across the bay, this vessel was rebuilt in 1922 to serve passengers and automobiles. Don't miss the classic autos and trucks displayed on the lower deck.

Hercules Imagine a slow trip down the coast, towing a huge log raft and fishing off the stern for your dinner. This workhorse towed big ships out to sea, pushed railroad car barges across the bay, and towed huge lock structures to build the Panama Canal.

Small Craft The park's boat shop restores these often unheralded. everyday craft used for work and pleasure on the bay: feluccas, Montereys, and yachts.

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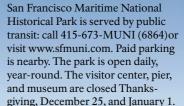
Above left: Salmon fishermen on board Star of Alaska, ca. 1920s, Above right: The park's research library. Below: Steamship brochure, 1880s.



Artifacts, scrapbooks, sailors' crafts, and shipboard machinery—all tell stories about the men and women who created and used them. Read a sailor's personal journal. Listen to sea chanteys (songs), or an oral history describing a 1906 voyage on the park's lumber schooner C.A. Thayer.

If you are interested in maritime the maritime heritage of the Pacific collections.htm.

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Planning Your Visit

Visitor Center Located in a historic brick warehouse, home of the Argonaut Hotel, the visitor center offers orientation information to help you plan your visit. "The Waterfront" exhibit takes you back in time along old San Francisco's working waterfront. Open 9:30 am to 5 pm daily; check for seasonal hours. No admission fee. 415-447-5000.

Accessibility We strive to make our facilities, programs, and services accessible to all. For information, check at the visitor center, ask a ranger, call, or check our website.

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Hyde Street Pier The pier has historic steam and sailing vessels as well as other maritime exhibits and interpretive demonstrations. Admission fee to board vessels; no fee for pier.

Maritime Museum in the Aquatic Park Bathhouse Building The museum has changing exhibits on West Coast maritime history. The bathhouse was built in 1939 as a joint project of the City of San Francisco and the Works Progress Administration (WPA). Spectacular WPA murals cover the lobby walls. Open 10 am to 4 pm daily. There is no admission fee. 415-561-7100.

Aquatic Park Historic District Stroll through the gardens, along the waterfront, or out on Municipal Pier. Watch the cable cars turn around. Visit one of the city's few urban beaches. Spot boats and birds in the

bay—and even swimmers in the cove

Firearms For firearms regulations, please check the park website or ask at the visitor center.

More Information

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Visitor center exhibits include this Farallon lighthouse lens tooth (below).







Alma: scow schooner; 59 feet. Built 1891 San Francisco, Calif. Built 1886 Glasgow, Scotland.



Eureka: side-wheel ferry; 299.5 feet. Originally built in 1890 as Ukiah, Tiburon, Calif. Refitted 1922 as Eureka.



139 feet. Built 1907 Camden, N.J.





Hercules: steam-powered tug boat; Small craft moored on the east side



School children aboard Balclutha. Park rangers lead programs for visitors of all ages.

The park's extensive collection of artifacts, books, oral histories, photographs, vessel plans, documents, and other archival materials is located in Building E at Fort Mason Center and is available to the public. The library is open by appointment 1 pm to 4 pm Monday through Friday, and on the third Saturday of each month. Call 415-561-7030 to schedule an history, the park's museum collection appointment. More on the park's and Maritime Library are the nation's collection and library can be found premier resource for understanding at www.nps.gov/safr/historyculture/

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